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Publication of Awards of Industrial Tribunals.

* 520 *Q.*—Sri C. KANDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the awards of the Industrial Tribunals are often published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* after the lapse of one month or more after awards are given ; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for such delay?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Contractors in the Neyveli Lignite Mines Project.

* 521 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the nature of contract given to each contractor of the Neyveli Lignite Mines Project, South Arcot district, in the year 1953 ; and

(*b*) the number of Harijan contractors among them?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) A statement [a] furnishing the information is placed on the table of the House.

" (*b*) Nil."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" ஹரிஜனங்களிடமிருந்து எத்தனை மனுக்கள் வந்தன, அவைகளில் எத்தனை நிராகரிக்கப்பட்டன, அவர்களைப் பொறுக்குவதில் என்னென்ன யோக்யதாம்சங்கள் கவனிக்கப்படுகின்றன என்று சொல்லுவார்களா ?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that I do not have any statistics as to the communities of the people who offeerd to take up these works and, therefore, I am unable to furnish him this information. Wherever there are complaints, I may assure the hon. Member that the Government are looking into them. Therefore, there is no need for appointing any special committee."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. the Minister for Health has sent me a request that the questions addressed to him may be taken up now. I hope the House agrees to the arrangement."

Scheme for water-supply to Badagara.

* 481 *Q.*—Sri K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any scheme for water-supply to Badagara; and

(*b*) if so, when it will be given effect to?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Proposals have been called for from the Sanitary Engineer."

SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—" Because this matter is urgent and important, the Panchayat Board, Badagara, has requested this Government to implement the scheme immediately. May I know whether the scheme will be implemented accordingly? "

Improvement of slums in the City under the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1954.

* 483 *Q*.—SRI S. PAKKIRISAWMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the steps taken by the Government to improve the conditions in the slums of the City of Madras under the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1954; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to help such of the slum-dwellers who sought the help of the Government for acquiring the house-sites which have been under their occupation for many years?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The Government have decided to draw up a programme of slum clearance and to acquire and improve slums under the provisions of the Madras Slums Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act. The details for drawing up the programme called for from the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, are still awaited.

" (b) The Government can take necessary steps to help the slum dwellers only after the programme for slum clearance is finalized."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know how many private slum-dwellers applied to the Government for acquisition of the land and why the Collector of Madras has not implemented the provisions of the Act? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Certain petitions have been received requesting the Government to acquire and improve slums occupied by the petitioners. But it is not desirable to undertake the slum clearance work piecemeal. The petitions have been forwarded to the Commissioner of the Corporation for consideration while submitting details for drawing up a programme."

SRI S. PAKKIRISAWMI PILLAI :—" May I know if there is any policy chalked out by the Government for taking up these slums for improvement and if not, whether the Hon. Minister will be pleased to have the policy decision taken as early as possible in order to implement the slum improvement scheme? "